

NAMING NEW FACILITIES

The naming of a school is an important matter that deserves thoughtful attention. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity should not be an influence in choosing a name. An orderly, announced procedure is expected to lessen the community or factional pressures that so quickly build up when the selection of a name is delayed or seems uncertain.

The Maysville Board of Education shall be responsible for the naming/renaming of all schools and school facilities. The board president will appoint a committee composed of board members, administrators, and patrons to submit two names to the board for the naming/renaming of schools and one name to the board for the naming/renaming of school facilities.

Anyone may submit to the committee a suggestion for a school name for consideration. Suggestions must be in writing, on a board-approved form, stating the name of the sponsor and the reasons justifying the nomination. Dedication requests may be submitted to the superintendent. Upon receipt of sufficient biographical and/or other data available, a dedication request will be placed on the agenda of a regular school board meeting for discussion and vote.

Criteria for Consideration

1. Schools/facilities may be named after an area or community where the school is located or after a person or persons.
2. In naming a school facility after a person, primary consideration should be given to presidents of the United States or individuals who have made a significant contribution to education in the community, the state, or the nation. In addition to societal contributions, the moral character of the individual must be considered.
3. Recognizing that the ethnic and cultural composition of a local school community will change and that school/facility names are permanent, the name selected should have broad acceptance in a multi-cultural society.
4. If a school/facility is demolished, the name may be used again.

Naming Schools

1. Elementary and middle schools/junior high schools will be named for an area or community or in honor of persons who have made a significant contribution to their community, the state, or the nation.
2. All secondary schools will be named for geographic and historic locations or for presidents of the United States.

Naming Facilities

From time to time, as an alternative to naming the entire building after an individual, the board of education may choose to recognize outstanding service to the youth of this district by dedicating or naming an appropriate area (i.e., playground, library, gymnasium, auditorium, stadium, etc.) in honor of some exceptional individual(s) who have unselfishly given their time and energy in promoting excellence in education.

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The naming of a building facility shall follow the same procedure set forth above for the naming/renaming of a building, except that the requirements of Criteria for Consideration number 4, above, shall not apply.

Renaming a School/Facility

In situations deemed unusual or appropriate, the board may take steps to rename a school/facility or portions thereof.

Changing the name of a school will be limited to elementary and middle schools. The recommendation of a name change will be brought to the board through the local governance structure of the school.

A school named after a person shall not be renamed, except for compelling reasons; and, once official action is taken to name a school, the name shall not be changed unless there is a confusion of names.

Special Dedications of School Facilities

If the board of education approves a special dedication, formal dedication will follow as soon as possible. The ceremony should encompass a presentation of an official proclamation and the placement of an appropriate plaque to commemorate the individual's significant contribution to the Maysville Public Schools. A certain sensitivity and common sense must be reflected in the timing of any public recognition.